Adverse Effect of Liberalisation on Toy Manufacturers

1973. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that toy manufacturers, particularly makers of electronics toys, have been adversely affected by the liberalisation policy of Government;

(b) whether the tax structure is contributing to the mounting problems of this industry which provides employment to million; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to alleviate the problems of toy manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) No Sir. However, as per the EXIM Policy 1992—97, electronic toys are covered in the Negative List as consumer goods and therefore, import is not freely allowed.

Most of the toy manufacturers are in the Small Scale Industry (SSI) sector and exempted from excise duty. Office of the DCSSI has not received any representation from Mechanical Toys manufacturers/Associations regarding any adverse effect of the liberalisation of polices of the Government of India.

(c) Does not arise.

Computerisation

1974. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage research on electronic Cars;

(b) what is the total number of Public Enterprises Working on Computers reducing manpower; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are in favour of complete change over to computerisation wherever possible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT. (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The word 'electronic car' is commonly used to refer to electronics application in the road vehicles. The Government is encouraging research in electronics application in the automotive sector.

(b) Management of the public enterprises are fully empowered to use computers wherever they deem necessary for improving the efficiency of operations without affecting existing manpower.

(c) The policy of the Government is to introduce appropriate level of computerisation in Central Government Ministries, Departments and offices to enable quick availability of information required for decision making and planning at various levels.

Setting up of Export Oriented Units for manufacture of Tobacco

@ 1975. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whehter it is a fact that a 100 per cent Export-Oriented Unit for manufacture of tobacco is being set up in Andhra Pradesh by a multi-national;

(b) if so, the full details of the project;

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that adequate tobacco is available for this Project?

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